

## Minutes of the Raritan History & Cultural Committee February 15, 2023

- Committee called to order at 6:30PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Members in attendance: Karen Eastlund, James Fidacaro, Edward Ruzbarsky, Tim Rack, Dave Fritzing, Gail Ostapczuk, Joyce Tronolone, Mark Esposito.
- New Members in attendance: Frank Del Rocco, Dawn Wilde
- Introductions of two new members: Frank and Dawn
- Introductions for all current members
- Secretary's Minutes from 1/16/2023
  - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve
- Treasurer's Report
  - Temp budget of \$1200. Dues paid
  - \$250 paid for storage
  - Balance of 910 left in temporary budget
  - Temp budget because actual budget hasn't been passed yet
  - Trust Fund has 833.15
    - Motion to accept. Seconded. All approve.
- **Old Business**
  - Tim, Mark, and Gail need to go in and renew membership with committee.
  - Cornerstone update
    - Putting it in the new municipal building is a new possibility, could have a ceremony to unveil it.
    - Getting a price for the encasement if we would put it in between the church and post office
  - Benches
    - Images in the process of being completed
    - Waiting to hear from Tom at 8Visual! about pricing
  - Knox Porter Portrait
    - No progress
  - Knox Porter Sign
    - NJ Historical Commission. Options to apply for grants. General operating support for 2024.
      - Could give us more money to spend on something for this
      - Big plaque, with a photo of the signing, possible links to where you can learn more
      - Must declare intent by 3/27. Submit application by 4/27
      - Reach out to Angela Knowles who now works for the county on grant writing assistance
  - Slide presentation
    - Pursue? Drop?
    - Took all historical tour building and created a presentation out of it
    - Run on computer during events
    - Use during elementary tours at municipal buildings

- **New Business**
  - Facebook page & successes
    - We need to change from a Facebook group to a Facebook page
    - Dawn will create a Facebook page for RHCC
    - Link the Facebook to an Instagram account
  - Fundraising Ideas
    - Ornaments
      - Then and now photos
      - Multiple choices of locations within town
      - Need to give Dawn ideas of what photos we want in the ornaments, and she could give samples of what they would look like
      - Need to do a cost analysis for how much to sell them for and then decide how many to make
      - Advertise on the Facebook page leading up to Discover Raritan Event
      - Can put the ornaments in a box to sell
      - Each committee member come up with an idea for an ornament for Dawn
  - Slate of Officers
    - Karen for President. 1 more year
    - Bylaws don't state we need a treasurer
    - Jim for Treasurer. 1 more year
    - Gail for Secretary.
    - Ed for VP.
    - Motion to accept the slate. Seconded. Accepted.
  - Goals for the year?
    - 2-3 historical programs at the library
    - Scavenger hunt for benches during Discover Raritan Event
    - Ornaments
  - Donation of a rocking chair from Tim
    - Almost completely restored
    - 1870s
    - Came from Morris County
- Meeting Adjourned 7:35PM